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JAMES H. FOSKETT, RETIRED ADMIRAL

Ex-Naval Aide to Truman and Noted Strategist Dies

NEWPORT, R. I., May 22 (AP) — Vice Admiral James Hicks Foskett, U. S. N., retired, who joined the Navy as a seaman in World War I and retired in 1956 as one of the Navy's top strategists, died Monday. He was 62 years old.

During his thirty-eight-year Naval career, Admiral Foskett commanded a submarine, a tanker and two heavy cruisers. He was naval aide for two years to former President Harry S. Truman and was senior Naval member of the Joint Intelligence Committee in World War II.

He leaves his wife, two daughters, two brothers and two granddaughters.

Went to White House in '46

Admiral Foskett was the first "salt water sailor" to serve as a Naval aide to President Truman. He was appointed late in 1946, while still a captain. One of his colleagues in the White House was Mr. Truman's military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughn.

The admiral first came to the President's attention in the summer of 1945, when he commanded the cruiser Augusta, which carried Mr. Truman to and from Europe for the Big Three meeting in Potsdam, Germany.

Admiral Foskett's service as Naval aide lasted until early 1948, when a normal rotation of duties returned him to the sea as commander of Cruiser Division 12 of the Atlantic Fleet.

Unlike most flag officers, Admiral Foskett rose from the ranks and was not a graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

In 1950, he was named staff director of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Standing Group Military Committee. Two years later, he headed the United States Military Aid Administration office in Oslo, Norway.

His career also included service in Naval Intelligence and as Naval aide in 1949 to Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, then director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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